

REMARKS

This Supplemental Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated April 19, 2004.

Claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 11, 12 and 13 have been amended.

Claims 14-25 remain canceled.

Regarding the Non-Responsive Amendment

The pending Office Action dated March 19, 2004 indicates that Applicant's reply filed on November 18, 2003 was not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because it was thought that none of the claims were readable on the elected species I (Figures 1 and 2).

Applicant has amended claim 1 to recite "a sorbent section for regenerating the dialysate." Applicant submits that the sorbent section is supported in the originally filed specification as element 40 in Figure 3 and as discussed on page 9, lines 3-9 of the originally filed specification. As such, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 is readable on the elected species I.

Applicant further points out that in Figure 4, the sorbent section 40 comprises a plurality of sorbent devices 420, 430, 440, 450, and 460. This supported at page 10, lines 17 – 22. As such, the remaining claims are readable on the elected species I because the sorbent section may have one or more sorbent devices therein.

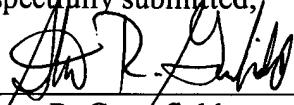
Applicant respectfully states that none of the present claim amendments are intended to narrow any of the pending claims with respect to the doctrine of equivalents, but instead have been made so that the claims are more clearly readable on the elected species I.

Applicant respectfully submits that this supplemental amendment is fully responsive to the prior office action because all of the claims are readable on the elected species.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

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